

# Substance Misuse Support Agencies for Schools Nottingham City Children's Services

## Support for Teachers and Governors - Policy and Programme Support LEA Drugs Policy and Education Advisor: Anna Power



Anna Power's role is to support Nottingham schools to develop School Drugs Polices and to plan and develop Drug Education Programmes which build on good practice. Support available includes bespoke in-service training, information and advice on policy and programme, choosing and using external contributors to support your planned drugs education, developing a whole school response to drugs issues and much more. We have a range of financial and practical support packages available to enable schools to develop drugs policy and programmes. 0115 9476202 e-mail [anna.power@collegest.org.uk](mailto:anna.power@collegest.org.uk)

## Support for the Pupil - If there is an incident or you are concerned about a pupil: Julie Odell and Natasha McDonald Nottingham City Education Link Worker for Drug Misuse Issues.

The Education Link Worker's role is to support schools and pupils within the school environment in relation to drug misuse issues or incidents.

First contact for the school in drug related incidents

Provide a response where a pupil may be considered at risk

Co-ordination for appropriate referrals

Assessment and assessment training

Pupil advocacy

Negotiation of supported alternatives to exclusion

Support to set up targeted intervention and needs assessment

Information, advice and support

The school should refer pupils to The Education Link Worker, who is based at Compass Young People's Drug Services. Individual parents or pupils should report their concerns to the school who will then assess how they may proceed. Young people with concerns about their own drug use can also phone Compass who will support on an individual basis. The Education Link Worker is the first contact when a drug related incident occurs. We recommend that you seek advice and support before action is taken to ensure the most effective support for both the school and the pupil is accessed.

Tel :0115 847 0445 | Mob: 07919367640



## Support for pupils whose family use drugs: School link worker - Emma Reith

### STARS Project (Children's Society Supported)

The STARS team provide a service to children and young people who have experienced, or are experiencing, a parent or carer who is using drugs or alcohol. The team offers ongoing support in a therapeutic environment. STARS offer children and young people the opportunity to make sense of the substance use and to discuss the problem they have encountered. STARS work with people from 3-21 years old where the need for such a service has been clearly identified and who are able to benefit from the service. Referrals must take place with the knowledge and consent of the parents/carers involved if the pupil is under 14 yrs old.

Tel: 0115 9422974



## Regents House – Young Persons Education & Family Support Worker - Liz Ashby

Are you a parent or carer who would like support around drugs, alcohol and young people? We believe parents and carers are important to young people but realise how difficult it can be to help young people make the best choices in their lives. At Regents House we can offer parents and carers information and advice, offer telephone, face to face and group support, accompany you to meetings and liaise with other agencies. We also run training for parents and carers of young people who may be using drugs or alcohol. Our service is free and confidential and we are able to work with you for as long as you need.

Our helpline is open 9.00am – 7.00pm 365 days year

0800 052 5959 e-mail [The Regents House Project - l.ashby@carersfederation.co.uk](mailto:The Regents House Project - l.ashby@carersfederation.co.uk)



## Linked Police Officer for your School: Nottinghamshire Police Safer School Partnership

The Safer Schools Partnership aims to reduce the number of young people who become the perpetrators or victims of crime. Within this larger document the role of the Nottinghamshire Police in supporting schools in relation to drug-related incidents is clarified and a **clear protocol for police involvement is set out**. This protocol was developed in partnership with the LEA and embeds the aims of both the LEA and Nottinghamshire Police to reduce and prevent drug misuse and criminal behaviour. There is also an agreed local protocol which outlines why the Nottinghamshire Police and the Education Department **do not support the use of police sniffer dogs** or drug testing in schools.

Some schools already have community officers in residence at a secondary school within their family of schools. The force are in the process of recruiting further resident officers with a view to having a named officer for each family of schools in the City of Nottingham. If you do not have a resident officer in your family of schools but have an existing relationship with a local officer, we suggest you ask them to act as your police link for illegal drugs, and other incidents. If you do not have an existing contact, contact the beat manager at your local Police Station and ask them to identify a liaison officer for your school. For information about Youth Issues Officers in the City contact - [wesley.mcdonald@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wesley.mcdonald@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)